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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application  
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3. ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney Total Pages 2
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- b. ☐ Copy from prior application (37CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 14  
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- i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting  
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application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
4. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 3b is checked)  
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is considered as being part of the disclosure of the  
accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by  
reference therein.

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

5. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation)  
Sony Corporation
6. ☐ Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).
7. ☐ English Translation Document to follow (if applicable)
8. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
9. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
10. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
11. ☐ Small Entity ☐ Statement filed in prior Application,  
Statement(s) Status still proper and desired
12. ☒ Certified copy of Japanese priority document No.  
P2000-236900 filed August 4, 2000.

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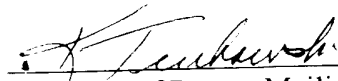
Drawings (8 sheets - Figs. 1A-15)

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